



Native Kansas Forest Trees



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This publication constitutes the 4-H Forestry Project Guide for the nomenclature of “Kansas Native Forest Trees.” Use this list to determine whether a tree species is in the native forest or ornamental category. The list consists of only those trees that are readily distinguishable from each other. Where separation by species is difficult, for example Hawthorn, only one listing is provided.

Trees not included in this list are considered

nonnative and should be placed in the “Ornamental Trees” category. Forest trees collected outside of Kansas and not used as ornamentals, for example redwood, may be placed in a separate group entitled, “Forest Trees not Native to Kansas.”

“Horticultural Fruit and Nut Trees” is considered a separate category and should be labeled as such in the collection. Check species against this list to prevent duplication.

List of Kansas Native Forest Trees

Ash, blue <i>Fraxinus quadrangulata</i> Michx.	Cottonwood, eastern <i>Populus deltoides</i> Marsh.	*Hedge — see Osage-orange
Ash, green <i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i> Marsh.	Cottonwood, western — not readily distinguishable, list as Cottonwood, eastern.	Hickory, bitternut <i>Carya cordiformis</i> (Wang.) K. Koch
Ash, wafer — see Hop tree	Crabapple — see Wild crabapple	Hickory, black <i>Carya texana</i> Buckl.
Ash, white <i>Fraxinus americana</i> L.	Dogwood, flowering <i>Cornus florida</i> (L.) Raf.	Hickory, kingnut — see Hickory, shellbark
Basswood, American <i>Tilia americana</i> L.	Elm, American <i>Ulmus americana</i> L.	Hickory, mockernut <i>Carya tomentosa</i> Nutt.
Birch, river <i>Betula nigra</i> L.	Elm, red <i>Ulmus rubra</i> Muhl.	Hickory, shagbark <i>Carya ovata</i> (Mill.) K. Koch
Boxelder <i>Acer negundo</i> L.	*Elm, Siberian <i>Ulmus pumila</i> L.	Hickory, shellbark <i>Carya laciniosa</i> (Michx.) Loud.
Buckeye, western <i>Aesculus glabra</i> Willd. var. <i>arguta</i> (Buckl.) Robinson	Elm, slippery — see Elm, red	Honeylocust <i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i> L.
Buckthorn, woolly <i>Bumelia lanuginosa</i> (Michx.) Pers.	Elm, white — see Elm, American	Holly, deciduous <i>Ilex decidua</i> Walt.
*Catalpa, spp. — northern and southern Catalpa not readily distinguishable <i>Catalpa</i> spp.	Hackberry <i>Celtis occidentalis</i> L.	Hophornbeam — see Ironwood
Cherry, black <i>Prunus serotina</i> Ehrh.	Hackberry, dwarf <i>Celtis tenuifolia</i> Nutt.	Hop tree <i>Ptelea trifoliata</i> L.
Chinaberry — see Soapberry	Haw, southern black — see Hawthorn spp.	Ironwood <i>Ostrya virginiana</i> (Mill.) K. Koch
Coffeetree, Kentucky <i>Gymnocladus dioica</i> (L.) K. Koch	Haw, red — see Hawthorn spp.	June berry — see Serviceberry, downy
	Hawthorn spp. <i>Crataegus</i> spp. (Several species, not readily distinguishable.)	*Introduced and naturalized.

Linden — see Basswood, American	Oak, Shumard <i>Quercus shumardii</i> Buckl.	*Tree-of-heaven <i>Ailanthus altissima</i> (Mill.) Swingle
*Locust, black <i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i> L.	Oak, white <i>Quercus alba</i> L.	Walnut, black <i>Juglans nigra</i> L.
Locust, honey — see Honeylocust	*Olive, Russian <i>Elaeagnus angustifolia</i> L.	Wild crabapple <i>Pyrus ioensis</i> (Wood) Bailey
Maple, black — not readily distinguishable; list as Maple, sugar.	*Osage-orange <i>Maclura pomifera</i> (Raf.) Schneid.	Willow, black <i>Salix nigra</i> Marsh.
Maple, hard — see Maple, sugar	Pawpaw <i>Asimina triloba</i> (L.) Dunal.	Willow, Carolina <i>Salix caroliniana</i> Michx.
Maple, silver <i>Acer saccharinum</i> L.	Pecan <i>Carya illinoensis</i> (Wang.) K. Koch	Willow, dwarf prairie <i>Salix humilis</i> Marsh.
Maple, soft — see Maple, silver	Persimmon <i>Diospyros virginiana</i> L.	Willow, peachleaf <i>Salix amygdaloides</i> Anders.
Maple, sugar <i>Acer saccharum</i> Marsh	Poplar, silver — see Poplar, white	Willow, sandbar <i>Salix interior</i> Rowlee
Mulberry, red <i>Morus rubra</i> L.	*Poplar, white <i>Populus alba</i> L.	*Introduced and naturalized.
*Mulberry, white — not readily distinguishable; list as Mulberry, red	Possumhaw — See Holly, deciduous	
Oak, black <i>Quercus velutina</i> Lam.	Redbud, eastern <i>Cercis canadensis</i> L.	References:
Oak, blackjack <i>Quercus marilandica</i> Muenchh.	Redcedar, eastern <i>Juniperus virginiana</i> L.	Little, E.L. <i>National Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Trees: Eastern Region</i> . Knopf. 1980.
Oak, bur <i>Quercus macrocarpa</i> Michx.	Sassafras <i>Sassafras albidum</i> (Nutt.) Nees.	Stephens, H.A. <i>Trees, Shrubs and Woody Vines in Kansas</i> . University Press of Kansas. Lawrence. 1969.
Oak, chestnut — see Oak, chinkapin	Serviceberry, downy <i>Amelanchier arborea</i> (Michx. f.) Fern.	
Oak, chinkapin <i>Quercus muehlenbergii</i> Engelm.	Soapberry <i>Sapindus drummondii</i> Hook. & Arn.	Written by: Charles J. Barden, Forestry Specialist, K-State Research and Extension
Oak, pin <i>Quercus palustris</i> Muenchh.	Sugarberry <i>Celtis laevigata</i> Willd.	
Oak, post <i>Quercus stellata</i> Wang.	Sycamore, American <i>Platanus occidentalis</i> L.	
Oak, northern red <i>Quercus rubra</i> L.		
Oak, shingle <i>Quercus imbricaria</i> Michx.		

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